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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

32 December 18, 2012

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR
STATE TRANSPORTATION BOND FUNDING FOR THE 9TH STREET
ON-RAMP OVER HARBOR SCENIC DRIVE AND PICO AVENUE
BRIDGE SEISMIC RETROFIT PROJECT IN
THE CITY OF LONG BEACH
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to request the California Department of Transportation and the State of California Department of Finance to extend budget authority for the State transportation bond funded 9th Street On-Ramp Over Harbor Scenic Drive and Pico Avenue bridge seismic retrofit project located in the City of Long Beach and to enter into the necessary cooperative agreement with these State departments for a 1-year extension of budget authority.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to request the California Department of Transportation and the State of California Department of Finance to extend budget authority for the State transportation bond funded 9th Street On Ramp Over Harbor Scenic Drive and Pico Avenue bridge seismic retrofit project located in the City of Long Beach that will not be completed by December 31, 2012, and to enter into the necessary cooperative agreement with these State departments for a 1-year extension of budget authority.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to request the California Department of Transportation and the State Department of Finance to extend budget authority for the 9th Street On-Ramp Over Harbor Scenic Drive and Pico Avenue bridge seismic retrofit project located in the City of Long Beach. This project is partially funded with State transportation bond funds and completion of construction has been delayed due to the termination of the original contractor as approved by the Board on November 1, 2011, with the surety taking over the contract. As a result, it is necessary to enter into a cooperative agreement with these State departments to extend budget authority.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1). The requested extension of budget authority will allow the County to maximize State reimbursement for this important transportation project.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

Funding for the 9th Street On-Ramp Over Harbor Scenic Drive and Pico Avenue bridge seismic retrofit project is included in the Fiscal Year 2012-13 Road Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 16304.3, project sponsors/local agencies are required by the State to request extension of budget authority for Federal and State funded transportation projects that will extend beyond the original appropriation of project funding.

As part of the County's ongoing road construction program, the Department of Public Works actively seeks Federal and State grants to supplement County road funds in order to deliver important transportation improvement projects located primarily in the unincorporated County areas. These Federal and State funds are available through a variety of programs administered by the California Department of Transportation. Due to the State's desire to improve the management of funds, the State Department of Finance requires project sponsors to request extensions for those projects that were previously funded, but will not be liquidated within 7 years from the start of the fiscal year that the federal funds were appropriated and 5 years from the start of the fiscal year that the State funds were appropriated within the State budget act. As part of the request, the State requires the Board's approval indicating concurrence with the request. Following the Board's approval, the necessary extension will be processed through a cooperative agreement with the California Department of Transportation and the State Department of Finance.

This project is partially funded with State transportation bond funds and completion of construction has been delayed due to the termination of the original contractor with the surety taking over the contract. Therefore, the project will not be completed by the December 31, 2012, deadline.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed activity is not a project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act because it is an activity that is excluded from the definition of a project by Section 15378(b)(5) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. This proposed action provides for administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The extension of the budget authority will allow Public Works to continue to receive State transportation bond funds for this project.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

GAIL FARBER
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office